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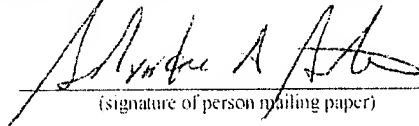
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To the Honorable Commissioner for Patents:

I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Applicants, through their undersigned attorney, hereby respectfully respond to the final Office Action mailed July 24, 2008 by filing the present Request for Continued Examination. Enclosed with this Request is a Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time under 37 CFR §1.136(a) and the petition fee under 37 CFR §1.17(a)(3).

37 CFR§1.7 provides "[W]hen the last day, or the last day fixed by statute or by or under this part for taking any action, or paying any fee, in the Patent and Trademark Office falls on Saturday, Sunday or on a Federal holiday within the District of Columbia, the action may be taken , or the fee paid, on the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday."

The Final Office Action was mailed on July 24, 2008 and set a three month shortened statutory period for response (October 24, 2008). The six-month period for responding to the Office Action with a Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time was Saturday (January 24, 2009). Today, January 26, 2009, is the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday within the District of Columbia. Accordingly, this Response and filing of a Request for Continued Examination, along with a Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time, is timely.

Amendments to Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

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